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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 BLUE OAK CELLARS, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Regional Water Board staff has reviewed your 15 March 2007 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for coverage under Resolution R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. The RWD included a *Notice of Non-Applicability* for compliance with the storm water General Permit and an \$872 filing fee. Our review finds the RWD to be substantially complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed), adopted by the Regional Water Board on 11 July 2003, is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the projected volume of wastewater to be produced.

Discharge Description

Tom Hoffman owns the Blue Oak Cellars facility and Hoffman Ranch LLP owns the land (collectively Discharger) at 10112 E. Woodbridge Road, Acampo, San Joaquin County. The winery is on approximately ten-acres and includes an eight-acre vineyard to which pomace, lees, and wastewater screenings will be applied. The Discharger estimates that approximately 20-tons of grapes will be crushed producing approximately 3,300 gallons of wine. The Discharger estimates approximately 20,000 gallons of wastewater will be generated on an annual basis.

All wastewater will be collected in a 1,000-gallon sump and pumped into a 1,100-gallon above ground storage tank. Wastewater will be hauled to the City of Lodi wastewater treatment facility for disposal. The Discharger will haul the wastewater in winery owned vehicles. Wastewater data will be compiled and included in an annual report.

Solid waste produced by the facility will consist of grape seeds, stems, skins, and lees. It is estimated that no more than 12,600 pounds of solid waste will be generated annually. Pomace will be stored temporarily on a concrete pad but will not be composted. Pomace, and other solids collected from the sump bottom and screens, will be spread on the eight-acre

vineyard. Solid waste will be tilled into the soil if needed to prevent odors but will normally be tilled into the ground in the spring. As a contingency solid waste management option, the Discharger can transport the waste to a landfill for disposal.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of wastewater produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report that contains the information described in Items No. 1, 3, and 5 of the monitoring and reporting program must be submitted by **1 February** of each year.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Water Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If you crush more than 80-tons of grapes per year or the method of winery wastewater and/or solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim O'Brien at (916) 464-4616.

- Original Signed by Jack E. Del Conte for -

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enc: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc: w/o enc Mike Huggins, San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department, Stockton